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NOTICE.

The Directors of the "Bombay Gazette" having decided to stop publishing the paper in its old form, have arranged to issue this sheet daily, pending other arrangements.

INDIAN GRIEVANCES.

COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

LONDON, March 14.

The "Times" publishes a telegram from its correspondent in Cape Town announcing that the report of the Indian Commission will be placed on the table in two or three days. It is, says the journal, the unanimous and entirely harmonious relations which existed between the commissioners and Sir Beniamin Robertson, whose services were invaluable, which greatly facilitated the adjustment of differences.

The Commission will recommend the abolition of the £3 licence, the settlement of the marriage difficulty and the removal of many irritations of the Immigration Act and predicts a corresponding legislation, as the Union Government is most anxious to assist the Imperial and Indian Governments in obtaining a final settlement. The "Times" correspondent forecasts legislation on the lines already indicated.

ADMITTANCE OF ONE WIFE.

The marriage difficulty, he says, will be solved by admitting one wife from India and making valid the marriage with one wife in the Indian marriages in South Africa, while not interfering with the liberty of the Indians to take wives according to their own religion, though additional wives will not have the rights attaching to the wives registered under the South African law.

"THE TIMES" ON THE COMPROMISE.

In a leading article "The Times" says that a compromise on the lines of the Commission's report will be honourable to both sides and extremely advantageous to the prosperity of South Africa and the welfare of the Empire.

APPALLING CATACLYSM

HUNDREDS PERISH BY COLLAPSE OF DAM.

EKATERINOSLAV, March 15.

A hurricane is reported in the sea of Azoff and a tidal wave has inundated villages in the Kuban province.

Hundreds perished in the collapse of a dam in the town of Tamrjuk, while a thousand were drowned at Stanitza and Achtyrskaja.

One hundred and fifty persons perished at Yasenkaja.

EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN.

TOKIO, March 15.

A severe earthquake has occurred at Akita. Six shocks were experienced lasting an hour. Consternation prevailed among the inhabitants. Houses collapsed and railways and telegraphs were interrupted for some hours. There were no casualties.

LATER.

The communications which were destroyed by the earthquake have now been restored.

There were eleven caualties at Omagari and Kariwano and enormous damage was done by the volcano at Asama, which burst into eruption.

RUSSIA'S PEACEFULNESS.

BALKAN TROUBLES.

BUDAPEST, March 14.

The newspaper. "Az Est" publishes an interview with the ex-Premier, Count Witte.

He emphasises the peacefulness of Russia and the Tsar and adds: "But only the first act in the Balkans has been played. We have now the entracte which will last years or months. The Austro-Roumanian relations, the heterogeneous composition of the Triple Alliance and the Entente are also disquieting factors. It is noteworthy that the armaments were increased immediately after the Balkan War."

"STRICTLY SECRET"

ST. PETERSBURG, March 14.

A Conference of Ministers and prominent deputies is being held this evening. The newspapers say that it will discuss national defence and foreign policy, especially the relations with Germany. Invitations to the Conference were marked "Strictly Secret."

ST. PETERBURG, March 16.

The Conference to discuss the foreign policy and national defence was attended by representatives of all parties, except the Poles, Mahommedans, Socialists and Labourites.

Some deputies tried to raise domestic questions, but the Premier declared they were outside the scope of the Conference.

It is understood that further conferences will be arranged if necessary.

LAUNCH OF NEW P. AND O. BOAT.

LONDON, March 15.

The P. & O. Karmala was launched at Birkenhead yesterday. She is 480 feet long and is of 9,000 tons gross. She will accommodate a hundred and fifty first class passengers.

PROTECTION OF FOREIGNERS IN MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, March 15.

Carranza has consented to the proposal that the American consuls shall watch the interest of foreigners in Mexico who otherwise would be unrepresented.

BELGIAN WAR ESTIMATES.

BRUSSELS, March 15.

In a debate on War Estimates in the Chamber the Premier declared that Government were absolutely opposed to the creation of a Navy.

CHINESE JOURNAL IN TROUBLE.

HANKOW, March 15.

The leading Chinese daily paper "Thanpao" has been suppressed and the editor arrested for writing criticisms of the failure of the troops to suppress White Wolf's brigands.

ADVOCATING FEDERALISM IN RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 16.

A septuagenarian Professor Courte, nay has been sentenced to two years imprisonment in a fortress for publishing a pamphlet advocating Federalism.

TURKO-SERVIAN PEACE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 14.

The Turko-Servian peace treaty has been signed.

ULSTER'S THREATS.

MR. CHURCHILL SAYS LAW AND ORDER MUST PREVAIL.

LONDON, March 14.

Speaking at Bradford, Mr. Churchill said that Mr. Asquith's offer was a great step forward but it seemed to him in principle that it was the last offer that the Government could, or ought to, make. He was certain that the first British soldier to be attacked and killed by Orangemen would raise such an explosion in Britain as the Tories could little appreciate and would shake the very foundations of society. They would not be bullied by threats of force. Law and order must prevail and they were not going to have Britain sink to the level of Mexico. He concluded: "If Ulster thinks matters can only be adjusted by a revolution, let us go forward and put these grave affairs to the proof."

Mr. Illingworth declared there would be no election till the Home Rule, Disestablishment, and Plural Voting Bills had been passed.

"PEACE AT ANY PRICE"

WASHINGTON, March 15.

The report of the minority in the House of Representatives in the question of the rapeal of the exemption clause attributes the measure to a "new peace at any price policy" and declares that it will surrender for all time the rights vitally affecting the nation commercially, strategically, and politically.

WAGES OF YORKS' MINERS.

LONDON, March 15.

The Yorkshire miners have decided to tender notices next week with the object of enforcing a minimum wage.

GERMANY AND WORLD'S COMMERCE.

BERLIN, March 14.

The world commerce scheme has collapsed as one of the most important trade organisations which it proposed to absorb decided to remain independent.

£10,000,000 ARGENTINE LOAN

BUENOS AIRES, March 16.

The Government has accepted a loan from Messrs. Baring Brothers of £10,000,000 for the construction of hydraulic works.

CABLE NEWS

LONDON, March 14.

Mr. McAdoo, who is engaged to President Wilson's daughter, is a widower and a grandfather.

ROME, March 16.

It is semi-officially announced that an Italian Syndicate for concessions in Asia Minor has signed an ad referendum agreement with the British Smyrna Aidin Railway Company subject to certain conditions relative to railways.

LONDON, March 15.

Late Quarter-master and honorary Lieutenant Martin had a military funeral at Devizes, six officers being the pall-bearers.

CAPE TOWN, March 15.

Wireless communication has been established between Windhuk (Damaraland) and Germany.

LONDON, March 14.

The *Lokalanzeiger* denies the statement that Messrs. Krupps had agreed to a loan of £2,500,000 sterling to the Southern Chinese Provinces.

SLEDGE-HAMMER AMAZONS.

ATTACK ON HOME SECRETARY'S RESIDENCE.

LONDON, March 15.

Six Suffragettes have been sentenced to six months' hard labour for damaging Mr. McKenna's residence.

At two in the morning, armed with sledge-hammers and life-preservers, they drove up in a taxi-cab and rushed upon the house, smashing a door and windows.

Mrs. Pankhurst has been released after a thirst and hunger strike.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, who was arrested in an omnibus on Sunday while proceeding to a demonstration in Trafalgar Square, has been released.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE ENGAGEMENTS.

Their Excellency Lord and Lady Willingdon attended the wedding of Sir Temulji Nariman's son at the Allbless Bagh, Girgaum, at 6-30 pm. yesterday.

Her Excellency Lady Willingdon will visit the Girgaum Settlement Mission, and His Excellency Lord Willingdon will preside at the Hunt Dinner at Santa Cruz today

On Wednesday His Excellency will visit the Improvement Trust Office, and the Prince of Wales Museum, and attend the meeting regarding the Released Prisoners' Aid Society at the University Convocation Hall at 5 p.m. The annual general meeting of the National Association will be held at Government House at 5 p.m. the same day.

On Friday, Their Excellencies will be at the presentation of the address of welcome to the Viceroy at the Town Hall at 12 noon, and there will be a garden party at Government House at 5 p. m. the same day.

VIST TO VEHAR LAKE.

Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon spent an enjoyable and interesting afternoon, on Sunday, when they motored out to Vehar Lake and spent some considerable time in its surroundings.

FIRE IN FAMOUS CATHEDRAL

LONDON, March 15.

The belfry of the famous cathedral at Neuss, on the Rhine, has been burned. The nave was saved.

NEW AGENT OF B. B & C. I. R.

Official confirmation has been received from the Home Board of the B. B,and C.I. Railway of the appointment of Mr. R. Woollcombe as the Agent of the Railway, vice Major A. D. G. Shelly, whose retirement was announced some time ago.

It is understood that Major Shelly relinquishes office on the 18th April. and proceeds Home, while on the same date Mr. Woollcombe takes over the reins of the administration of the Railway.

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